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SUBJECT: BOTSWANA - ZAMBIA BORDER

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- 1. EMBASSY UNAWARE OF ANY PROBLEMS FACED BY TOURISTS ENTERING BOTSWANA FROM ZAMBIA. THOSE WHO FLY TRAVEL FROM LUSAKA OR LIVINGSTONE TO FRANCISTOWN OR GABORONE. THOSE WHO TRAVEL BY ROAD ENTER AT KASANE IN FAR NORTH VIA KAZUNGULA FERRY. NO VISA IS REQUIRED FOR AMERICANS ENTERING BOTSWANA.
- 2. WE HAVE CHECKED INFORMALLY WITH IMMIGRATION AND POLICE OFFICIALS AND THEY SAY THAT BOTSWANA-ZAMBIA TRAFFIC PROCEEDIG NORMALLY WITH NO DETENTIONS OR OTHER PROBLEMS. PERSONS ENTERING BOTSWANA ARE QUESTIONED CLOSELY ABOUT WHY THEY WISH TO ENTER AND HOW LONG THEY PLAN TOISTAY. THERE ARE NO FIXED REQUIREMENTS ON AMOUNT OF MONEY PERSON MUST HAVE IN POSSESSION; THIS DEPENDS ON PROPOSED LENGTH OF STAY.
- 3. LOCAL ZAMBIAN CONSULAR OFFICER AWARE OF NO SUCH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DIFFICULTIES AS DESCRIBED PARA 1, REFTEL. HE CERTAIN HE WOULD KNOW IF PEOPLE BEING TURNED BACK INTO ZAMBIA.

4. COMMENT: THERE HAVE BEEN SOME DETENTIONS OF PERSONS, PARTICULARLY MILITARY-AGED MALES, ENTERING FROM RHODESIA. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE CONCERN HERE ABOUT "MERCENARIES" TRANSITTING BOTSWANA. WE DO NOT THINK

THAT GOB WOULD SUSPECT ANYONE ENTERING FROM ZAMBL	A
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